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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masafumi KUBOTA, et al.

Application No.: 10/662,288

Filed: September 16, 2003

Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 9822

Group Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: Dang, Phuc T.

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	24	32	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	4	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
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Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
					\$0.00
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.